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1. EMBASSY MAY INFORM QUINN THAT USG SHARES GOI INTEREST
IN CHARTER MOU. USG READY TO RENEW MOU BUT ONLY ON BASIS
NO MORE RESTRICTIVE THAN THAT ACHIEVED WITH UKG, E.G.,
SEVEN-DAY DURATION ABCS WOULD HAVE TO BE ACCEPTED BY GOI.
USG WOULD PREFER TO HAVE MOU EFFECTIVE THROUGH MARCH 31,
1979, OR AT LEAST THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 1978, TO COVER
1978 SUMMER PEAK TRAFFIC. IF QUINN INDICATES THAT NOT
POSSIBLE, BECAUSE OF GOI COMMITMENTS TO ECAC OR OTHERWISE,
USG WOULD ACCEPT MARCH 31, 1978 IF MOU OTHERWISE ACCEP-

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TABLE.

2. CAB NOW ESTIMATES THAT HAD GOI NOT DISAPPROVED 7 DAY
ABCS, APPROXIMATELY 15-20 PERCENT OF US TO IRELAND ABC
GROUPS WOULD HAVE HAD TRIP DURATIONS UNDER 14 DAYS THIS
SEASON. (GOI CAN CONFIRM ESTIMATE BY REFERENCE TO PRIVATE-
LY PUBLISHED CHARTER GUIDES PRESUMABLY AVAILABLE IN DUBLIN,

OR AT LEAST TO IRISH TOURISM DEPARTMENT IN DUBLIN OR
NEW YORK.) ALL OR VIRTUALLY ALL ABCS UNDER 14-DAY

USED SUCH CHARTERS, E.G., THOSE WHO USED 10 DAY DURATION
TGCS IN PREVIOUS YEARS AND OTHERS WITHOUT ABILITY TO
HAVE TWO WEEK STAYS HAVE PRESUMABLY TRAVELED TO UK OR
ELSEWHERE OR USED VACATION FUNDS FOR PURPOSES OTHER THAN
TRANSATLANTIC AIR TRAVEL. SEVEN TO THIRTEEN DAY DURATION
TRANSATLANTIC ABC TRIPS, AS ANTICIPATED BY CAB, HAVE NOT
PROVEN TO APPEAL TO MAJORITY OF ABC TRANATLANTIC MARKET
WHICH IS ORIENTED TOWARD LONGER STAYS. APPARENTLY RECOG-
NIZING THIS MARKET FACT ALL EUROPEAN COUNTRIES ARE NOW
ACCEPTING SEVEN-DAY ABC DURATIONS EXCEPT FOR FINLAND,
ITALY, AND IRELAND. IF GOI WERE NOW TO ACCEPT 7 DAY
MINIMUM DURATION IT IS POSSIBLE THAT PERHAPS SOME ABCS
UNDER 14 DAYS WOULD BE REINSTATED. HOWEVER VOLUME WOULD BE
SO SMALL AS TO NOT WARRANT THE ONE-THIRD LIMITATION
AGREED TO WITH U.K.G. NOR 4000 SEAT EXCEPTION THERETO.
ACCORDINGLY USG SEEKS GOI ACCEPTANCE (WITHOUT RESERVATION)
OF 7 DAY ABC MINIMUM DURATION IN MOU EXTENSION NOW BEING
DISCUSSED.

3. EMBASSY SHOULD PROPOSE THAT MOU BE AMENDED ONLY BY
CHANGING "DECEMBER 31, 1976" IN PARAGRAPH 11 TO NEWLY
AGREED DATE FOR EXPIRATION AND BY AMENDING FOOTNOTE 1.
IN FOOTNOTE 1 DELETE EVERYTHING FROM "WITH REGARD"
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THROUGH COMMA AFTER "IN ADDITION", CAPITALIZE THE
FOLLOWING LETTER, CHANGE THE PERIOD TO A COMMA, AND ADD
AT THE END OF THE PRESENT FINAL SENTENCE OF FOOTNOTE 1 THE
FOLLOWING: "AND TO DECLINE TO ACCEPT SUBSTITUTION FROM
THE GENERAL PUBLIC IN EXCESS OF SEVEN PERCENT OF THE CONTRA-
CTED SEATS OF EACH ADVANCE BOOKING CHARTER GROUP, AS WELL
AS TO REQUIRE THAT NO SUBSTITUTION TAKE PLACE WITHIN SEVEN
DAYS BEFORE THE PLANNED DEPARTURE OF THE OUTBOUND FLIGHT."
THE ABOVE ARE THE WORDS OF THE COMPROMISE REACHED
WITH THE UKG WHICH THE GOI HAS ALREADY ACCEPTED (PARAGRAPH
1, REFTEL C). THE LANGUAGE TO BE DELETED REFERS ONLY TO
POSSIBLE LIMITATIONS ON TGCS WHICH, IT APPEARS, ARE NO
LONGER BEING OPERATED TO IRELAND, AND TO A CONSEQUENT
UNITED STATES WILLINGNESS TO ENTER INTO A RENEWED OR NEW
MOU, HENCE IS NO LONGER OF USE.

4. UPON RECEIPT OF EMBASSY'S REPORT OF DISCUSSION WITH
QUINN DEPARTMENT WILL DETERMINE WHETHER TO SECURE
AUTHORIZATION TO PUT RENEWAL INTO EFFECT.

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